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Be Stirling  
BE THE DIFFERENCE

# *BE* PART OF OUR THRIVING POSTGRADUATE COMMUNITY

**AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING, WE'RE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATION AND THE SKILLS, EXPERIENCE AND CONFIDENCE REQUIRED TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD**

With a rich history of innovation, excellence, and ambition, Stirling's focus is on ability not background, supporting each of our students to achieve their full potential.

We have a thriving postgraduate community at Stirling. You can be confident that, on completion of our postgraduate degrees, you will have the knowledge, expertise, and employability skills to set you on your chosen career path. You may choose to join us on our beautiful 330-acre campus, or embark on an online distance learning course. Regardless of your decision, you will leave Stirling a highly employable graduate – with 96 percent of our postgraduate leavers in work or further study within 15 months of graduating<sup>1</sup>.

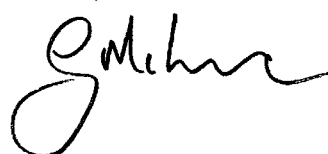
We are ranked among the top 20 UK universities for overall student satisfaction<sup>2</sup> – and remain focused on continually improving the Stirling experience. Those who join us in person will be among the first to benefit from our multi-million pound investment at the heart of campus – delivering an iconic new sports complex, as well as modern social learning and study spaces. These new developments complement our existing on-site facilities, which include a library, theatre, cinema, and retail and catering outlets.

You will join a diverse and inclusive student and staff community – with more than 120 nationalities represented on campus – and enjoy an immersive, global experience. Our award-winning Students' Union is the University's hub, providing entertainment and welfare services to make your experience at Stirling the best it can be and help you quickly settle into university life.

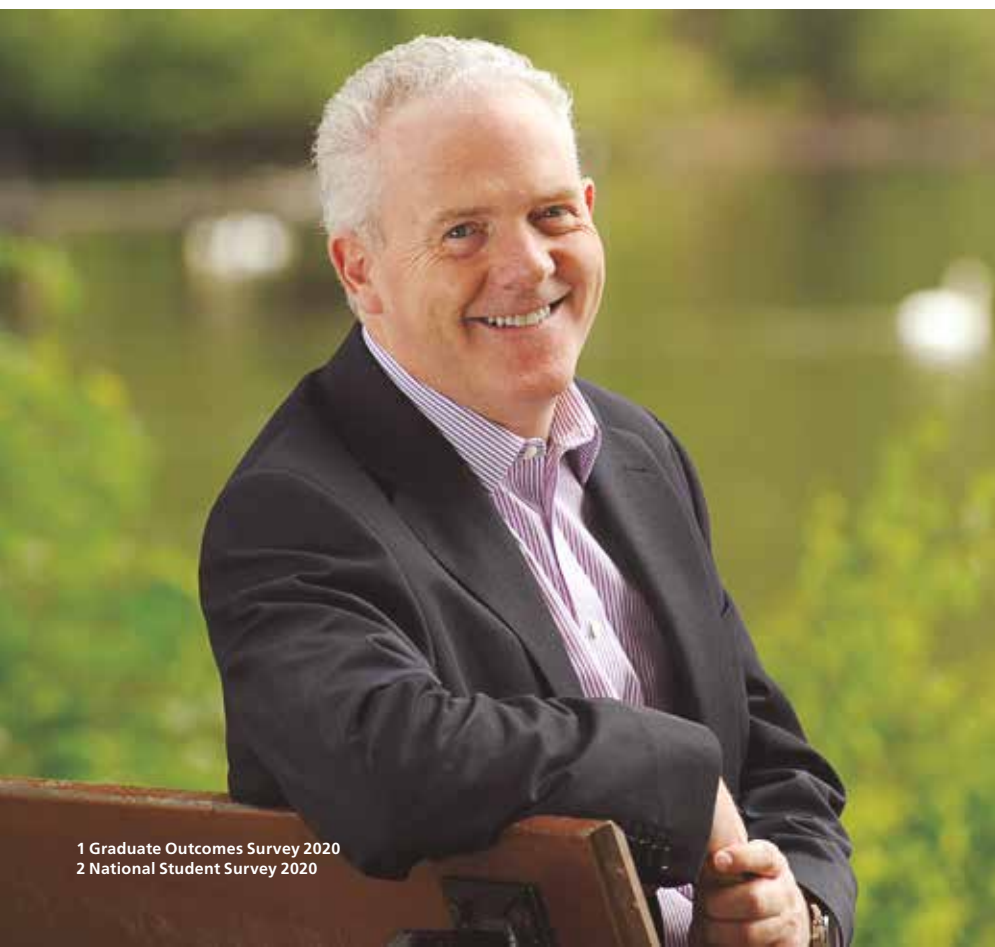
In the latest QS World University Rankings, we are a five-star rated institution for teaching, employability, research, internationalisation, facilities, and inclusiveness – and the Guardian University Guide 2021 ranks Stirling among the top 30 universities in the UK. We also recently received our second Queen's Anniversary Prize – the UK's most prestigious academic honour – in recognition of our world-leading Institute of Aquaculture.

You're about to make a very exciting and important decision about where you choose to study – and we're delighted you're considering joining us at Stirling.

I wish you the very best of luck with your studies and look forward to welcoming you on campus soon.



**Professor Sir Gerry McCormac**  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor



*"In the latest QS World University Rankings, we are a five-star rated institution for teaching, employability, research, internationalisation, facilities, and inclusiveness"*

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## THE DIFFERENCE

JOIN A NETWORK OF EMPLOYMENT-READY  
GRADUATES MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE  
AROUND THE WORLD

### Commitment to employability

We are proud of our commitment to equipping students with lifelong career management and employability skills. That's why 96 percent of our postgraduate leavers are in employment or further study within 15 months of completing their degree<sup>1</sup>.

Our postgraduate courses offer plenty of hands-on experience, career support and unique opportunities to work with industries across the globe.

### Research with impact

Our world-leading academics are experts in their fields, whose work is centred on making an impact to society. In the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF2014), three-quarters of Stirling's research activity was classed as either world-leading or internationally excellent.

### Campus life

Students rate Stirling first in the UK and top five in the world for its campus environment<sup>2</sup>. Our stunning 330-acre campus was named one of the UK's top 20 heritage sites of the 20th century<sup>3</sup> and has been awarded a five-star rating for facilities<sup>4</sup>.

### A global outlook

We have teaching and research partnerships in more than 60 countries across the world, and our diverse student and staff body represents more than 120 nationalities on campus.

### Sporting excellence

As the UK's Sports University of the Year for 2020 and Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence, we rank first in Scotland and top five in the UK for our sports facilities<sup>5</sup>, which include Scotland's National Swimming Academy and the Scottish National Tennis Centre. Our students participate in more than 50 sports clubs, and the University offers a range of scholarships and bursaries for student athletes.

# Top 20

IN THE UK FOR  
STUDENT SATISFACTION<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Graduate Outcomes 2020

<sup>2</sup> UK International Student Barometer (ISB) Benchmark and Global ISB Benchmark 2018

<sup>3</sup> International Council on Monuments and Sites

<sup>4</sup> QS World University Rankings 2020

<sup>5</sup> The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020



*"There's a wonderful diversity on my course; it has taught me that it's not just about what I think, but about sharing ideas with others. The University has everything I need in one place on campus, and I'm so pleased I chose to come to Stirling."*

Isha Sudan, India  
Master Of Business Administration

Top 5 in  
the UK

AND TOP 15 IN THE WORLD  
FOR CAREERS SERVICES<sup>1</sup>

96%

OF OUR POSTGRADUATE  
LEAVERS ARE IN EMPLOYMENT  
OR FURTHER STUDY 15 MONTHS  
AFTER GRADUATING<sup>2</sup>

SCOTLAND HAS BEEN VOTED THE MOST

*beautiful*

COUNTRY IN THE WORLD<sup>1</sup>

WHY STIRLING?



## SCOTLAND IS NOW

### Beauty

Our dramatic landscapes, distinct geography and countless scenic landmarks are breathtaking. Mountains, lochs, beaches, islands and castles offer you wonderful opportunities to get out and discover our country. The Scottish Highlands are also a short journey away on the train. For outdoor enthusiasts, this is the prime location for catching a glimpse of our incredible landscapes. Whether it's skiing, open water swimming or simply enjoying the beauty of one of the world's last wild places, you should definitely add a trip 'up north' to your to-do list.

### Food and drink

If you're into food and drink, Scotland has plenty to offer. For those looking for a traditional experience, you can't miss a hearty serving of haggis, neeps and tatties. Scotland also boasts 11 Michelin-star restaurants, and some of the globe's top whisky distilleries are dotted throughout the country.

### Education and innovation

Scotland is renowned for its innovative, modern and cutting-edge research and teaching. Thousands of international students are attracted to Scotland for its academic excellence, and the Scottish education system has been adopted in many countries all over the world. Scotland is also famous for its inventions and discoveries, including penicillin, the bicycle, the television and the telephone. We are continuing that tradition and our researchers are at the forefront of their fields – which means you will be mentored by experts in each area of study.





## Walk with history

Stirling Castle is one of Scotland's grandest, and it was the childhood home of Mary, Queen of Scots. Stirling is also linked to two of Scotland's historic heroes: Sir William Wallace and Robert the Bruce. You can climb up the 246 steps of the Wallace Monument to enjoy breathtaking views of Stirling, or step back in time with a visit to the Battle of Bannockburn Experience to learn about the famous battle between Scotland and England.

## Get exploring

Stirling has everything you could hope for in a city, and even has its own cycle sharing network in the form of Nextbike. Stirling's central location means getting across Scotland couldn't be easier. Glasgow and Edinburgh are both within easy reach for a day of shopping or a night out. If you are into music, Glasgow hosts more than 130 gigs a week – so you are sure to find one of your music idols playing near you.

# A HOME LIKE

# NO OTHER

## Entertainment

Seamlessly blending in with the city's rich history is Stirling's thriving nightlife. From the buzzing bars and clubs of the city centre to the more traditional real ale and whisky pubs, shopping, cinema and chic coffee houses, Stirling is a place that suits the needs of every student. Stirling city centre is just two miles from the campus – less than 10 minutes by bus.





#bleedgreen



And... breathe 🧘



Chinese New Year celebrations in Stirling 🇨🇳



Cooling off by the loch



A quiet place to study 📖



Hogmanay at Stirling Castle



Our beautiful campus 🍁



Christmas on campus 🎄👶



Kelpies at sunset 🌅

## STIRLING LIFE

### CHAT WITH A STUDENT BUDDY

No one knows more about life at Stirling than our students. Chat to one of our friendly students online about any aspects of student life and what's on in Stirling.

[STIR.AC.UK/CHAT](https://stir.ac.uk/chat)



Stirling Volleyball Club supports Mental Health Awareness Week



Graduation Day! 📜💚🎉



## ALREADY TOP-RANKING FOR CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT AND SPORT, WE'VE INVESTED £41.7M IN CUTTING-EDGE CAMPUS AND SPORTS FACILITIES

We want to give you the best-possible student experience – which means you'll need world-class facilities. That's why we've invested £41.7 million into updating our key student hubs.

Campus Central is the new heart of our stunning campus, giving you cutting-edge learning facilities and dynamic spaces. It's an expert blend of modern architecture and natural beauty, and includes:

- New meeting spaces and student support facilities
- Collaborative learning and research spaces
- Bigger and better food and shopping outlets
- A convenient transport hub

As the UK's Sports University of the Year for 2020<sup>1</sup> and Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence, you'd expect Stirling to have incredible sports facilities – and you won't be disappointed with our new complex. Integrating the National Swimming Academy and Scottish National Tennis Centre, you can enjoy our:

- Purpose-built fitness studios
- State-of-the-art gym
- Two sports halls and six indoor tennis courts
- Dedicated indoor cycling studio
- Strength and conditioning areas
- World-class high-performance suite
- Enhanced changing facilities
- Open plan communal spaces, café and reception area.

# £41.7 million

INVESTMENT INTO NEW  
CAMPUS FACILITIES



The new University Sport development



# NATURALLY INSPIRING

OUR BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS, AT THE HEART OF URBAN SCOTLAND, GIVES YOU THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

## 1. Airthrey Castle

Our very own 18th-century castle is still in use today, and overlooks the University's picturesque golf course.

## 2. Airthrey Park Medical Centre

Our on-campus general medical practice and dental centre.

## 3. The Link Bridge

The scenic commute between student accommodation and the University; you'll make your nine am lecture even if you leave at five-to-nine.

## 4. Student Accommodation

Home to our students: more than 2,500 bedrooms across 20 residences on and off campus.

## 5. Pathfoot Building

Where the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, the Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport and the Institute of Aquaculture are based. It also hosts an art collection.

## 6. Airthrey Loch

Our very own loch; home to our water sports teams, along with our resident swans.

## 7. Colin Bell, Iris Murdoch and RG Bomont Buildings

Where the Faculty of Social Sciences is based and home to some of our cutting-edge research centres.

## 8. INTO Building

Offers international students unique academic pathways that can help them gain a degree.

## 9. Wallace Monument

Our famous landmark, built to commemorate Scots hero, Sir William Wallace.

## 10. Cottrell Building

Home to the Faculty of Natural Sciences and the Stirling Management School.

## 11. University of Stirling Innovation Park

Home to several innovative research and development companies.

## 12. Stirling Court Hotel

Awarded the Conference Centre of Excellence Award.

## 13. National Swimming Academy

Home to Scottish Swimming and our world-class student athletes, who practise more than 35 hours per week in our Olympic pool.

## 14. The Pitches

Get a front-row seat to the action on our grass and artificial pitches.

## 15. GB National Tennis academy

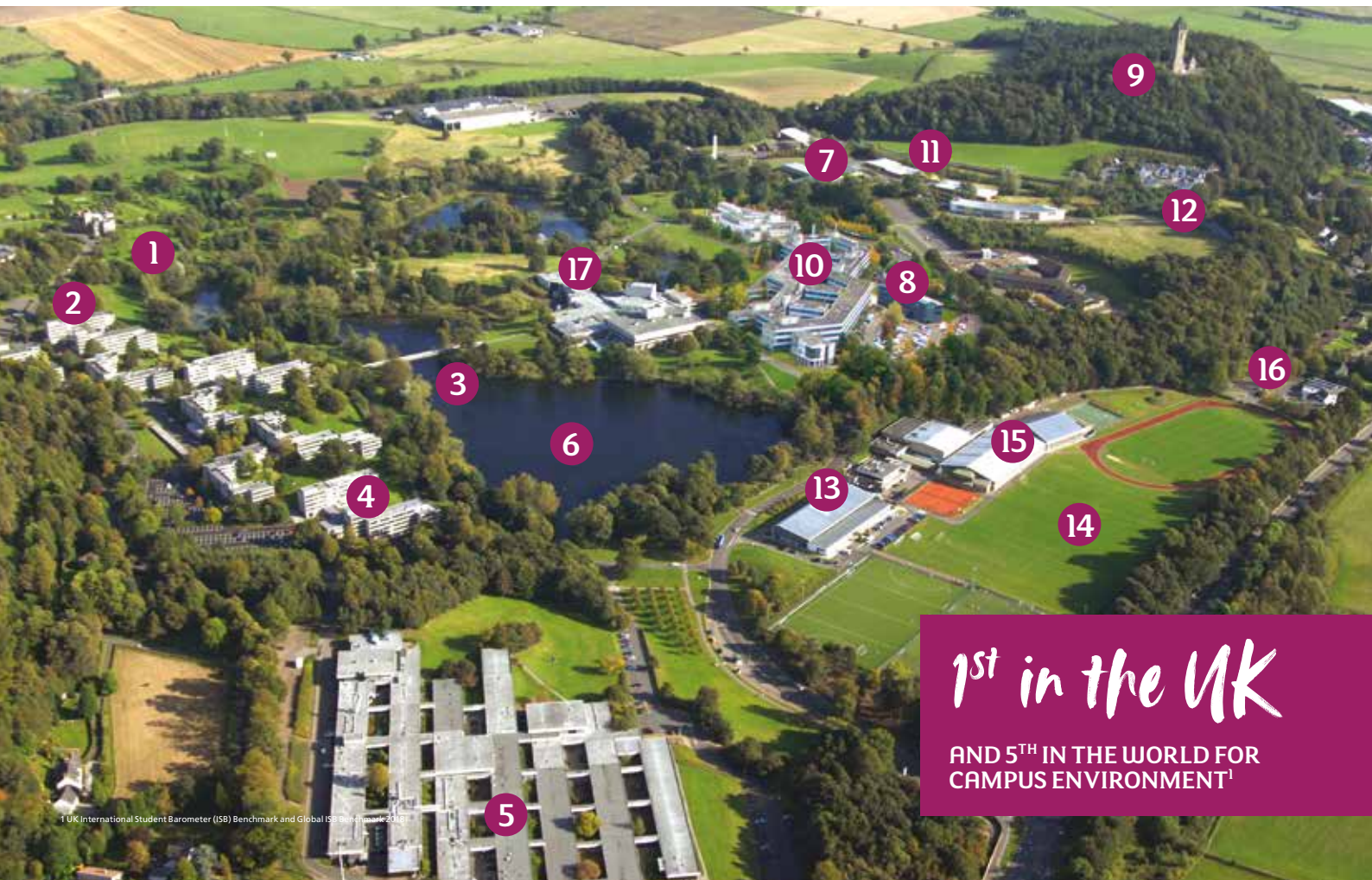
Tennis superstars Andy Murray and Gordon Reid famously honed their skills on our courts.

## 16. Spittal Hill Chalets

Popular student accommodation in our Scandinavian-style timber chalets.

## 17. Andrew Miller Building

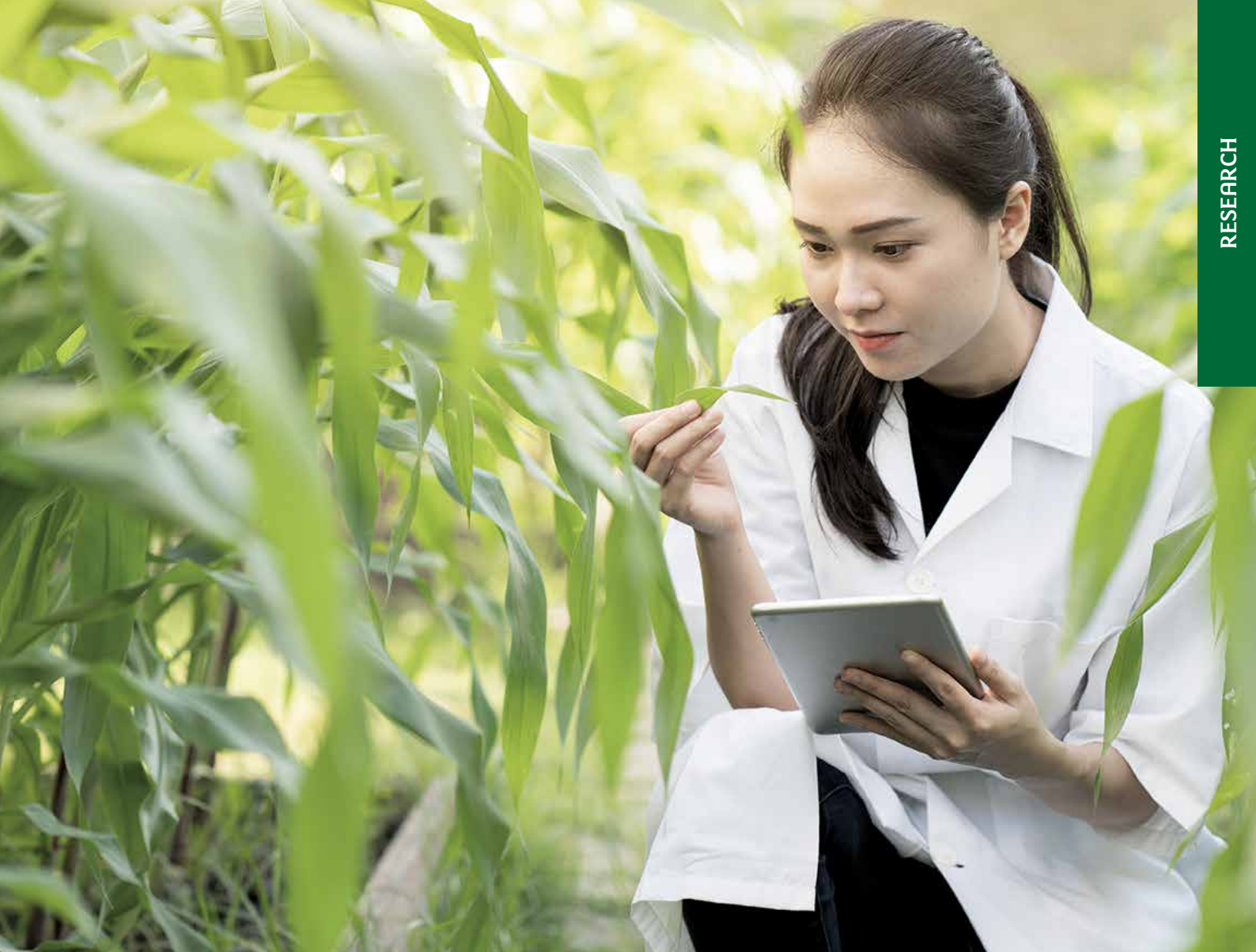
The heart of the University made up of Campus Central, the Library, Students' Union, the MacRobert Arts Centre and our new Campus Central development.



1<sup>st</sup> in the UK

AND 5<sup>TH</sup> IN THE WORLD FOR  
CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT<sup>1</sup>



**BE****IMPACTFUL**

**TACKLE GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND IMPROVE LIVES  
WORLDWIDE AT A RESEARCH-LED UNIVERSITY**

### Living Well

With a multidisciplinary approach that includes sports science, psychology, marketing, economics and health, our research improves wellbeing across the world, allowing people to maintain, attain or regain good health.

Work includes exploring the impact of alcohol licensing and tobacco packaging; establishing how to help people live well with dementia; and ensuring the best nursing and cancer care is delivered to patients.

Our academics are pushing the boundaries of longevity and ageing, and informing National Governing Organisations (NGOs) on the long-term impact of contact sports.

### Global Security and Resilience

Our expertise in Global Security and Resilience spans a wide range of academic subjects and perspectives, but has the common goal of tackling the challenge of providing the world's growing population with a sustainable and secure way of living.

We explore how the world's forests and its flora and fauna are evolving in response to climate change; we investigate how humans interact with the world, whether that is in the field of international diplomacy or digitally within the context of cyber security; and we develop solutions to maintain sustainable and safe sources of fish, creating new and innovative ways of feeding global communities and improving access to fresh water around the world.

### Cultures, Communities and Society

Nothing exists in isolation, and researching subjects in their wider context forms the core of this thematic area. Social policy, history, computing science, and biological and environmental sciences, as well as media and communications, enable much broader and more comprehensive investigations into how we communicate with and understand each other.

By exploring the past and recognising how we learn from it; promoting innovation and change; and understanding distinctive cultures and political authority; our research brings communities together in mutually beneficial ways. Whether that involves analysing organised crime, or discovering the birthplace of James I of Scotland, our work spans continents and time periods.

**For more information, visit:**  
[stir.ac.uk/research](http://stir.ac.uk/research)



# SHAPE A

# BETTER WORLD

**GRAPPLE WITH BIG IDEAS AND IMPACTFUL SOLUTIONS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING'S INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH PROGRAMMES**

## Ageing and Dementia

The world's population is living longer, presenting challenges to health, long-term care and economies. By investigating the health and social wellbeing of communities, our research results in positive change.

## Being Connected

Social division and exclusion are increasing worldwide. We tackle inequality by analysing social networks, geographies and big data technologies.

## Contextual Learning in Humans and Machines

Intelligent machines are making increasingly sophisticated decisions, but without context they bring risk. We seek to enhance machine-based decision making to positively impact society.

## Cultural Heritage

Society's identity, wellbeing and progress are constantly challenged. We empower communities by heightening their understanding of their cultural past to allow them to positively influence their future.

## Digital Society and Culture

Digital technologies are changing the way we live. Our critical thinking questions the impact of these changes and explores potential solutions to address the challenges this creates.

## Environmental Change

Driven by human influence, environmental change is accelerating. We explore sustainable solutions for a more resilient future.

## Extreme Events in Science and Society

Extreme events vary widely and can include bereavement, disease, flooding and social unrest. We research how societies and ecosystems might better respond to extreme events and prepare for the unexpected.

## Global Food Security

The global population is expected to rise from 7.6 billion to 9.8 billion by 2050. Our ambition is to ensure that there is enough food for future generations.

## Health and Behaviour

Human behaviour is having an impact on health. We explore behaviours that can improve lives.

## Home, Housing and Community

Millions across the world remain homeless. Focusing on social justice, we influence the agenda for policy and practice, promoting a safe and secure home for everyone.

## Human Security, Conflict and Cooperation

Regional and international conflicts, driven by climate change, pose a serious threat to world stability. We explore the impact of climate change on human security to manage and identify ways to resolve these conflicts.

## Mobile Cognition

By investigating how human brains work in the real world, we offer a new perspective on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of neurological conditions.

**For more information on the University's research themes and programmes, visit: [stir.ac.uk/researchthemes](http://stir.ac.uk/researchthemes)**

**STIRLING LEAD £3.5 MILLION INITIATIVE TO POSITION SCOTLAND AS A GLOBAL LEADER IN WATER RESEARCH**

**SECURED £22 MILLION TO DEVELOP TWO NEW INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRES AT STIRLING**

**AWARDED QUEEN'S ANNIVERSARY PRIZE FOR GROUNDBREAKING AQUACULTURE RESEARCH**



# BE WELCOME

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AT A MULTICULTURAL  
CAMPUS RATED 5-STAR FOR INCLUSIVENESS<sup>1</sup>



We believe that our diversity helps us to develop outward-thinking graduates with limitless potential. Stirling might be a Scottish university – but thinking and working globally is part of our daily teaching, learning and research practice. It's part of who we are.

The University consistently earns five QS stars in the World University Rankings for internationalisation.

## Student support

The University of Stirling has a dedicated International Visa Advice Team and experts within our Student Hub who can provide you with advice on application processes, tips on what you should do before you arrive and one-to-one guidance during your time here at Stirling. Services include: application support, financial advice, immigration information, travel support and cultural activities designed to help you make the most of your time in Scotland.

[stir.ac.uk/77](mailto:stir.ac.uk/77)

If you'd prefer to speak with someone in person before you arrive, you can also get in touch with one of the University's international representatives in your own country.

[stir.ac.uk/1ef](mailto:stir.ac.uk/1ef)

## International entry requirements

Here at Stirling, we consider a wide range of academic qualifications from across the globe as a means of gaining entry onto one of our postgraduate courses. Typically, you will need a strong Bachelor Honours degree or equivalent – but requirements do vary by country, and you may need to meet further criteria based upon your chosen course.

To give you an idea, here are the minimum requirements accepted from a selection of countries:

<b>China</b>	70% (65% for 211/985) in a four-year Bachelor's degree
<b>Canada</b>	2.8/4 or 70% or B in Bachelor's (Honours) degree or a professional degree
<b>India</b>	50% in Bachelor's/Special (Honours) degree from Tier 1 College/University or 55% from a Tier 2 College/University
<b>Nigeria</b>	Second class, lower division Bachelor's degree (CGPA 2.50/5.00)
<b>Pakistan</b>	2.6 GPA or 60% in a four year Bachelor's degree
<b>Taiwan</b>	65% in a four year Bachelor's degree
<b>USA</b>	Bachelor's degree with GPA of 2.7

If your country is not listed above, you can find more information on the specific entry requirements for your country here: [stir.ac.uk/1ef](mailto:stir.ac.uk/1ef)

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## English language Requirements

If English is not your first language, you may need to provide us with evidence of your English language skills in order to receive a place on your chosen course. The University of Stirling accepts many forms of English language qualifications, including:

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)
- Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic)
- Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT)
- DAAD: for applications through IEC Germany only
- Duolingo

Students who do not currently hold these qualifications may still gain entry onto a postgraduate degree at Stirling by undertaking one of our pre-session courses.

We've partnered up with INTO University Partnerships to provide a range of intensive English language courses designed to increase your proficiency and prepare you for postgraduate study at the University of Stirling.

Please note that students coming to us from majority English speaking countries, or who have been fully taught and examined in English, may not need to provide us with additional English language qualifications.

Learn more about English language qualifications and requirements:  
[stir.ac.uk/1ae](https://stir.ac.uk/1ae)

## Visa information

All international students interested in coming to Stirling for a period of more than six months will need to apply for a Student Route visa before travelling. You will need to apply through the UK Government, and include both an application fee and a health surcharge.

Your visa will last for the duration of your study; however, it will come with a few restrictions. As part of the terms of your visa, you will normally be allowed to work during your studies – but only up to a maximum of 20 hours per week during term time, and there are certain jobs that you may not be permitted to undertake.

Normally, you can apply to bring dependants, such as a partner or children, with you for the duration of your studies as part of your Student Route visa.

For advice on how and where to apply for your visa, get in touch with our Student Immigration Team:  
[internationaladvisor@stir.ac.uk](mailto:internationaladvisor@stir.ac.uk)



MORE THAN 120  
NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED  
ON CAMPUS

ALMOST HALF OUR  
POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS  
ARE FROM OVERSEAS

*"I chose the University of Stirling as it's a very international university. There are lots of international students, and I've made friends with so many different people. I've joined the International Society and the Basketball Club, which have helped me to get more involved and meet new people."*

Natsuki Kisimoto, Japan  
MSc International Business





# INTO

# UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

**We've teamed up with global education leader INTO University Partnerships to help you feel at home as you join a network of 97,000+ alumni in 170 countries**

At INTO University of Stirling, our focus is on the provision of preparatory courses for international students, with the following postgraduate progression options:

- Graduate Diploma
- Postgraduate Degree with Graduate Diploma
- Pre-Masters programme
- English language programme

These programmes are designed for international students who have the potential to succeed, but do not yet meet the requirements for direct entry onto a postgraduate course at the University of Stirling.

[stir.ac.uk/1dk](http://stir.ac.uk/1dk)

## Graduate Diploma Pathways

The Graduate Diploma is a direct pathway that leads to postgraduate study at the University of Stirling. It is ideal for students who have completed a course overseas, such as a 3-year college diploma, which is not equivalent to a UK degree. The extra year of study will bridge the academic gap between college and masters-level study.

We offer three Graduate Diploma pathways:

- Business, Finance and Sport
- Media, Humanities and Social Sciences
- Science, Computing and Engineering

## Postgraduate Degree with Graduate Diploma

Our Postgraduate Degree with Graduate Diploma is a full-time academic programme that incorporates English language skills development, academic study skills, postgraduate research skills and subject-specific content.

If you successfully complete the relevant Graduate Diploma programme and meet the required progression grades for entry to your selected degree programme, you will be guaranteed entry onto designated postgraduate degree courses at the University of Stirling, all under one single visa.

Students on the Postgraduate Degree with Graduate Diploma can choose from three pathways:

- **Business, Finance and Sport**
- **Media, Humanities and Social Sciences**
- **Science and Computing.**

### PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH

INTO University of Stirling also offers a range of intensive English language courses. These are designed for international students who are already academically qualified, but either need to increase their English language level for entry to their postgraduate course or would like to undertake a short course to help them adapt to studying in a UK university environment.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of our commitment to creating real opportunities for success, INTO and the University also provide a range of generous scholarships for international students from all over the world.

[stir.ac.uk/1od](http://stir.ac.uk/1od)

## Pre-masters Programme

Our three- or six-month Pre-Masters programmes provide a direct route to a wide variety of Masters courses at the University of Stirling. You will improve your English language skills, develop the necessary study and research skills, and become accustomed to living and studying in the UK in advance of your postgraduate degree. The Pre Masters Programme is ideal for those who have substantial work experience but little or no prior study. It is also perfect for those who have a third class honours degree and don't meet the academic entry requirements for direct entry.



# ADVANCE YOUR ENGLISH

WE WANT YOU TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME WITH US. THAT'S WHY WE OFFER SPECIALIST LANGUAGE SERVICES TO ASSIST YOUR PROGRESS

## Improve your English

Pre-sessional English courses are delivered in partnership with global education leader INTO University Partnerships, and provide a short and intensive preparation in academic English for students who are already academically qualified and are due to start a postgraduate degree at the University of Stirling in September or January.

## Course benefits

The courses are designed to improve your English language skills to the level required by your chosen degree. There's a focus on content-specific vocabulary, academic writing, reading, listening and speaking. Other benefits include:

- Intensive language and study skills preparation in a UK university environment
- Teaching and assessments tailored to the requirements of study at the University of Stirling
- Learn with students who will be studying the same or similar subjects at university
- Lectures from specialists on many topics relevant to your future studies
- Adapt to living and studying in the UK prior to starting your degree studies.

For more information on how to apply, entry requirements, dates and fees, visit: [stir.ac.uk/preseasonalenglish](http://stir.ac.uk/preseasonalenglish)

## What courses are on offer?

### On campus

- 10 week pre-sessional English course: designed to improve your IELTS score by 1.0 in one or more skills
- 6 week pre-sessional English course: designed to improve your IELTS score by 0.5 in one or more skills

### Online courses

- 12-week pre-sessional English online course – designed to improve your IELTS score by 1.0 in one or more skills
- 8-week pre-sessional English course - designed to improve your IELTS score by 0.5 in one or more skills.

98%

OF PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH STUDENTS IN SUMMER 2020 PASSED AND PROGRESSED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

*"Studying Pre-sessional English before undertaking my Masters course at Stirling was great, as I met lots of new friends before the semester began and improved my confidence with English speaking and writing."*

Liang Sen, China  
INTO Pre-sessional English student  
(12-week programme)



# YOUR HOME FROM HOME

## IT COULDN'T BE EASIER TO SETTLE INTO YOUR NEW HOME AT THE UK'S LEADING UNIVERSITY FOR CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

We offer a wide range of comfortable and secure postgraduate residences on our beautiful 330-acre campus, in nearby Bridge of Allan and in Stirling's vibrant city centre.

The University provides priority accommodation to all new students – and if you're a taught postgraduate student from outside the UK, we'll guarantee you an offer of University-managed accommodation as long as you confirm your place and apply for accommodation by the advertised date.

In 2021/22, accommodation costs will range from £94 to £182 per week, and include utilities, Wi-Fi, insurance and bed linen. All postgraduate accommodation contracts are offered for 50 weeks.

On campus, everything is planned around you – so you'll find card-operated laundry facilities, a supermarket, pharmacy, medical and dental centre, gym and bank within a few minutes' walk, as well as all the facilities the University and Students' Union have to offer.

If you've got family or friends who would like to visit, we have the Stirling Court Hotel on campus, with a fantastic restaurant, bar and facilities. [stirlingcourthotel.co.uk](https://stirlingcourthotel.co.uk)

### Accessible housing

We can provide or adapt accommodation for a variety of requirements following a pre-entry visit. If you have any specific needs, please get in touch with us as soon as you can and we'll take it from there.

[ask@stir.ac.uk](mailto:ask@stir.ac.uk)

### How to apply

Students with a conditional or unconditional firm offer can apply online via the University Applicant Portal. Applications open in February each year.

**For more information, please visit:**  
[stir.ac.uk/accommodation](https://stir.ac.uk/accommodation)

### Built around your needs

We have different types of accommodation to reflect the needs and budgets of our students. All accommodation options are self-catered and kitchens are equipped with a cooker, microwave, fridge, freezer and kettle. Toilets and showers are either en-suite or in shared facilities. Accommodation is single occupancy and you can choose from a range of flats, chalets and townhouses. We also have some family accommodation.



Alexander Court Townhouses



Beech Court

STIRLING IS THE *Safest*  
STUDENT CITY IN THE UK<sup>1</sup>

1 Complete University Guide 2020



# BE

# INQUISITIVE

**OUR STATE-OF-THE-ART LIBRARY IS THE PERFECT STUDY HUB, PROVIDING ACCESS TO 600,000+ BOOKS**

## Archives and special collections

Our expansive collections house everything from ancient poetry to quantum physics. As a student at Stirling, you'll also be given access to the University's dedicated archives reading room, where you can explore the wide range of historical collections, influential documents and quirky artefacts that have helped shape Scotland's past.

## Working together

Here at Stirling, we encourage our students to share ideas and create change. That's why our library - with beautiful views - offers a wide range of study options to suit all tastes. Areas are zoned for silent, quiet and social study and include collaborative screens, training suites, 10-group study rooms, study desks with PCs and plenty of more relaxed options, including a designated wellbeing space to chill out and recharge.

## The world at your fingertips

Our students aren't limited to the resources housed in our four-floor library. Because the University is a member of the Society of College, National and University Libraries (SCONUL), Stirling students can use resources from universities all over the UK and Ireland.

The library also connects students with full access to over 350 research databases from around the globe – covering everything from digital maps and EU white papers to global financial data and biomedical repositories.

## New technologies

Our Maker Space offers everyone the opportunity to explore their digital creativity using the latest technologies. Maker Space facilities include 3D scanning, 3D printing, laser cutting and etching and equipment to learn about the basics of coding.

We also have a laptop lending service which enables students to borrow a laptop for free.

**For more information about our library services, visit: [stir.ac.uk/library](http://stir.ac.uk/library)**



## 5 star

**EXCELLENCE AWARD  
FOR FACILITIES<sup>1</sup>**



## COUNT ON OUR SUPPORT

OUR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE AND ARE TAILORED TO MEET DIVERSE STUDENT REQUIREMENTS IN A FAST-CHANGING WORLD

### Accessibility and inclusion

The Accessibility and Inclusion team provides professional expertise to enable students with a wide variety of needs to access all aspects of their university life. Please get in touch to discuss any specific needs or arrange a face-to-face meeting.

### Mental health and wellbeing

Our qualified counsellors and mental health advisers offer a free, confidential counselling service on campus.

### Faith and spirituality

With a dedicated facility in the heart of the University campus, our Chaplaincy offers a quiet room where you can stop by any time for reflection and meditation, and a communal area which is lively and sociable. Our team of Chaplains can offer emotional, spiritual or practical support and guidance, and we have a dedicated prayer and wash room for Muslim students.

### Immigration

Our International Advisers Team, within our Student Hub, can provide you with advice and information to help you secure the appropriate visa for the duration of your studies at Stirling.

### Income office

At the University of Stirling, we recognise that you need flexibility when paying your fees, so we provide a range of secure payment options.

### Money support

Student Money Advisers can help with budgeting and money management. They can also help you to apply for additional funding and financial support.

### Registry services

Academic Registry deliver a range of key administration and information services for students throughout their studies at the University of Stirling, from enrolment to graduation.

### Student learning

We run a regular schedule of workshops and tutorials organised by our Student Learning Services team. Take advantage of drop-in sessions, workshops and other services designed to help you become an independent, successful learner.

For further information, or to ask about any of the services above, please contact us or visit our website:

[ask@stir.ac.uk](mailto:ask@stir.ac.uk)  
+44 (0)1786 466022  
[stir.ac.uk/studentsupport](http://stir.ac.uk/studentsupport)





**Top 10**  
IN THE UK FOR CLUBS  
AND SOCIETIES<sup>1</sup>

## YOUR STUDENTS' UNION

**YOUR STUDENTS' UNION IS A GREAT PLACE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, GET INVOLVED WITH OUR 120 CLUBS AND SOCIETIES AND DISCOVER A WIDE RANGE OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND CAREER-ADVANCING OPPORTUNITIES.**

### Your Students' Union

The Students' Union offers independent advocacy and support for its members, and is here to ensure your student experience is the best one possible.

The Union works closely with a range of relevant postgraduate bodies to ensure all your views and issues are taken into account, and that you can make the most of your student experience.

### Facilities for you

The Union also runs a number of award-winning and student-focused outlets. Studio serves food in a relaxed lounge atmosphere, with plasma screens for sports fixtures and music. The outside decking offers stunning views – while our cafe in Underground serves Starbucks coffee, paninis, soups and cakes.


Our multi-purpose space, Venue, offers a great place to relax and unwind. During the week you can enjoy a great selection of food, while at night it plays host to a range of student club activities for all to enjoy.

### Postgraduate society and more

The University of Stirling Postgraduate Society gives taught and research postgraduate students the chance to come together through a range of planned social activities. From regular coffee mornings and pub quizzes, to lunches and research events, it's a great way to meet like-minded students from a range of disciplines. We also have clubs centred on business development, volunteering, music, travel, the arts and much more.

**Check out the Union's website for all the latest news:**  
[stirlingstudentsunion.com](http://stirlingstudentsunion.com)



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SPORTS FACILITIES RATED

**1<sup>st</sup> in Scotland**AND TOP 5 IN THE UK<sup>1</sup>

# TAKE THE LEAD

## AT SCOTLAND'S UNIVERSITY FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

We have been at the forefront of Scottish and British sport for five decades, supporting incredible student athletes who have competed at the Olympic and Commonwealth Games, World Championships and Walker Cup.

As the UK's Sports University of the Year for 2020<sup>2</sup>, sport, health and wellbeing are in our DNA. Whether you're an Olympic athlete, fitness lover, sports fanatic or completely new to physical activity, we have facilities, programmes, classes and clubs to suit you.

We aim to ensure every student can enjoy our services and, following a transformational £20m investment, our redeveloped facilities will offer new and innovative opportunities for all students and provide an unrivalled sporting experience.

The iconic new complex will integrate with our existing world-class facilities. These include:

- The GB National Tennis Academy, which features six indoor courts
- The National Swimming Academy, which houses a 50-metre, six-lane pool and high performance preparation room
- An eight-court multipurpose sports hall and two squash courts
- A 400m all-weather running track
- Two artificial (3G and sand-based) and seven grass pitches.

...with a host of exciting new features including:

- Three purpose-built, air-conditioned fitness studios
- State-of-the-art gym with high-spec cardio and resistance equipment and interactive user experience
- Professional-standard strength and conditioning area with free weights equipment
- Additional three-court sports hall
- World-class high-performance suite for scholar athletes and clubs
- Exciting new communal spaces, general facilities, café and reception area.

Find out more: [stir.ac.uk/sport](https://stir.ac.uk/sport)

<sup>1</sup> UK International Student Barometer (ISB) Benchmark 2018

<sup>2</sup> The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020



# BE CAREER-READY

OUR GRADUATES STAND OUT. STIRLING STUDENTS NOT ONLY ACHIEVE A QUALIFICATION, BUT LEAVE CAMPUS EQUIPPED WITH LIFE-CHANGING SKILLS.

## Developing your future

Our Careers and Employability Service provides a range of resources and support to help you make informed career decisions, achieve your goals and develop the tools to excel in your career and throughout your life.

Our extensive services include:

- Daily appointments available with professionally trained consultants
- CV and application checks and advice on interviews
- A wide range of employer-led skills workshops, careers information and recruitment events to help you to interact with and learn from employers as part of your career journey
- Wide-ranging resources, including practice psychometric testing, online interview practice and personality profiling
- Access to our TARGETconnect platform to search for volunteer, graduate-level vacancies, internships and part-time work
- Career planning masterclasses on a variety of topics including how to build a brilliant CV, develop a LinkedIn profile and succeed at assessment centres.

[stir.ac.uk/careers](http://stir.ac.uk/careers)

## Collaborative Projects with Business

We offer innovative Collaborative Projects with Business based on our award winning 'Making the Most of Masters' programme. This gives you the opportunity to undertake a project or your dissertation with a business organisation. It's a mutually beneficial initiative: businesses gain from your research, insights and ideas, while you can acquire invaluable experience, build your networks and enhance your skills to increase your job prospects.

[stir.ac.uk/cpb](http://stir.ac.uk/cpb)

## International Careers information

If you're thinking about returning to your home country or working abroad once you graduate, we provide support, information and links to key international job search resources such as GoinGlobal and access to employers and alumni worldwide.

*"My course has provided me with the knowledge and experience I need to pursue a career in environmental management. Thanks to my lecturers, I have been able to build a network of contacts and have found my preferred specialism for the future."*

Hannah Limberger, Scotland  
MSc Environmental Management

# Top 5 in the UK

AND TOP 15 IN THE WORLD  
FOR CAREERS SERVICES<sup>1</sup>



# GO FURTHER

## EMPLOYABILITY IS AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO AT STIRLING

### Visiting Speakers and Guest Lectures

All of our Masters courses include the opportunity for guest lectures, where students can hear directly from professionals, external experts and industry leaders in relevant sectors, and discover how their theoretical knowledge can be applied outside the classroom.

### Work Placements

Students on specific courses may be eligible to undertake a work placement as part of their postgraduate studies. This involves a period of supervised work at an external organisation, enabling students to gain relevant experience within an industry whilst putting their theory-based learning into practice.

Please note: work placements are not available for all courses. Please consult the relevant course pages to find out more.

### Work-Related Learning

Work-related learning is a technique which allows students to apply their theoretical study to a practical “real-world” setting. By replacing real experiences with an immersive simulation, students can put their knowledge to the test and practice their skills in the safety of a mock environment.

Examples of simulated learning at Stirling include:

#### The Amplify Trading Bootcamp

Students studying banking and finance subjects can trade on a simulated stock exchange market, bridging the gap between academic theories of financial markets and how they behave in the real world.

#### Markstrat

MSc Marketing students have access to a web-based simulation platform to test and improve their skills in market analytics, decision-making, budgeting, planning and performance assessment.

#### Recorded peer-teaching

Through classroom observation and videoed peer-teaching sessions, students on the MSc Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) course can trial their teaching skills and receive immediate feedback from peers and lecturers.

### Industry Visits and Fieldtrips

Depending on your course of study, you may be given the opportunity to visit workplaces, attend sector events and put your learning into practice, allowing you to not only see the impact of your studies first-hand, but also to meet and network with employers and professionals.

### Networking and Careers Events

Working closely with faculties and the Alumni Team, the Careers and Employability Service arranges lots of opportunities for students to meet employers, professional bodies and industry experts on campus, including insight events, alumni panels, careers fairs and employer-led skills workshops.







# TEACHING EXCELLENCE

**WE RECEIVE CONSISTENTLY HIGH RATINGS FROM TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION AND QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS FOR OUR TEACHING AND COURSE QUALITY**

At Stirling, we are focused on providing education with a purpose. Our dedicated staff are here to prepare you to go out into an increasingly global society and be the difference to help transform it for the better. That's what makes our graduates stand out.

## Five-star teaching

Our collaborative, research-led approach consistently earns us five stars for our teaching in the QS World University Rankings. But more importantly, our students love the way we teach. That's why they have given us a 96% satisfaction score for lecturer expertise<sup>1</sup>.

## Flexible learning

The University offers a range of postgraduate courses on a part-time basis, which enables you to study at a pace that best suits your lifestyle. If you'd like to earn a Masters degree but can't make it onto campus, we also offer a number of online distance learning courses that are available to students from all over the globe.

[stir.ac.uk/flexiblelearning](http://stir.ac.uk/flexiblelearning)

## A global education

Our campus is global – not only in terms of the students who come from around the world to study at Stirling, but also in terms of the community of researchers, academics and industry experts we attract.

Our world-class teaching is designed to inspire and motivate our diverse and exciting community. We help every student thrive in today's increasingly interconnected world.

<sup>1</sup> International Student Barometer 2018  
<sup>2</sup> QS World University Rankings 2020

**5 stars**  
 FOR TEACHING AND  
 EMPLOYABILITY<sup>2</sup>

# EMBRACE INNOVATION

**THROUGH OUR UNIQUE STUDENT ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME AND OUR CAMPUS-BASED UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING INNOVATION PARK, WE TAKE PRIDE IN OFFERING STUDENT ENTREPRENEURS THE IDEAL SPACE TO CREATE, COLLABORATE AND DREAM**



## The Student Enterprise Programme

The Enterprise Programme (EP) provides business start-up support and entrepreneurial skills-building opportunities for students, staff, and recent graduates. Operated by the Innovation & Enterprise Team, the EP delivers a comprehensive range of activities and services to enable individuals to expand their entrepreneurial skillset and to develop, launch, and grow viable businesses.

Taking a bespoke approach to support, the programme's activity streams include weekly skill-building workshops, webinars, masterclasses, annual idea and start-up competitions, an accelerator scheme (SEED), access to business advisory services, and on-campus incubation opportunities based at The Hive/Sport Hive at the University of Stirling Innovation Park (SUIP).

## The Entrepreneurial Quest

The Student Enterprise Programme supports students to enter a number of national competitions. Our own internal contest – the Entrepreneurial Quest – is a great way to get started. This cleverly designed initiative allows students with a fully formed business idea to compete for prizes, including incubation space, and many students have turned their ideas into viable and successful businesses.

## Business mentoring

It takes more than a great idea to launch a successful business. That's why we put our students in touch with external mentors to discuss start-up logistics and how to break into new and existing markets.

Stirling's innovative 'Lunch with a Leader' initiative also gives enterprising students the opportunity to attend lunches with successful entrepreneurs and business leaders from across Scotland.

## Incubator

Stirling has its own Enterprise Incubator, which gives students the chance to apply for free office space and receive professional advice and resources to launch a new business idea. Based at the University of Stirling Innovation Park, our students work alongside internationally acclaimed start-ups and social enterprises.

To give you an idea of what you can achieve by working with our dedicated support staff, here are some examples University start-ups that are already making waves across the globe.

### 1. Global Voices

Started by a student from Peru, this influential and award-winning translation and interpretation company is trusted by the UK Government, the BBC, Boeing and Disney, and has an ever-expanding client base across the world. The dedication and effort by the founder to grow his idea into a world-leading business continues to be an inspiration to many of Stirling's students – and staff.

### 2. Micro Fitness

Steven Reynolds, an enterprising Stirling alumni, had a dream to get Scotland's schoolchildren fitter. In 2010, he set up 'Micro Fitness' – a business to encourage children to get active. Since then, he has widened his ambition to helping people of all ages, from all over the UK. This award-winning business is now the UK's leading fitness company for children.



# OUR FACULTIES

**FLEXIBLE, INTERDISCIPLINARY TEACHING AND RESEARCH AT A TOP UK UNIVERSITY MEANS YOU GAIN A WORLD-CLASS DEGREE BUILT AROUND YOUR INTERESTS AND PASSIONS**



## Faculty of Arts and Humanities

The Faculty of Arts and Humanities is our largest faculty, and offers a unique learning environment in which you'll be encouraged to explore, question, innovate and create. The Faculty is comprised of four divisions: Communications, Media and Culture; History and Politics; Literature and Languages; and Law and Philosophy.

The Faculty places emphasis on graduate employability and providing students with ample work placement and internship opportunities. It is also internationally recognised for its commitment to research innovation, ranking first in Scotland for research impact in Communications, Cultural and Media Studies; and first in Scotland for research publications in Law<sup>1</sup>.

## Faculty of Social Sciences

The Faculty of Social Sciences is a dynamic, multidisciplinary collective of academic staff and researchers focused on Dementia; Education; Housing Studies; Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology; and Social Work.

The Faculty's interdisciplinary research, along with its hands-on approach to learning, have earned Stirling recognition as Scotland's number one university for Criminology and top ten in the UK for Education<sup>2</sup>.

## Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport

The Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport's primary mission is to be the natural first choice for everyone with an interest in health and sport, to develop global citizens through internationally relevant course content and to deliver excellence in teaching and learning through a research-led approach.

Stirling is ranked first in Scotland for the quality of its Sport research<sup>1</sup>, with more than three-quarters of activity assessed as internationally excellent or world-leading. We're also first in Scotland and 12th in the UK for Health Sciences research, with almost 90 percent of our research outputs rated as internationally excellent or world-leading<sup>1</sup>.

## Stirling Management School

Stirling Management School is home to a cutting-edge collection of business-related subjects, and is organised into five divisions: Accounting and Finance; Economics; Management, Work and Organisation; Marketing and Retail; and the Centre for Advanced Management Education.

The academic staff at Stirling Management School are constantly developing new ideas that influence industries across the globe. The most recent Complete University Guide placed us among the UK's top 20 institutions for Business and Management.

## Faculty of Natural Sciences

The Faculty of Natural Sciences explores the complex and challenging inter-relationships between human behaviours; technologies; and biological, environmental and aquatic systems. The Faculty brings together four academic divisions: the Institute of Aquaculture; Biological and Environmental Sciences; Computing Science and Mathematics; and Psychology.

The Faculty is internationally renowned for its research activity. Stirling is top five in the UK for Agriculture, Veterinary and Food Science<sup>1</sup>; third in Scotland for Psychology<sup>1</sup>; and was named as one of only four universities in the UK to have 100 percent of its Psychology research rated as world-leading<sup>1</sup>.

**For more information about our five faculties, visit: [stir.ac.uk/faculties](http://stir.ac.uk/faculties)**

<sup>1</sup> Research Excellence Framework 2014

<sup>2</sup> Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021



## CHOOSE THE DEGREE FOR YOU

### Taught Degrees

Most of our taught postgraduate students choose to pursue a Masters degree. Stirling's Masters courses are intensive programmes of study that typically take one year to complete. Research-informed teaching consists of lectures, seminars and a wide range of practical assignments, research projects and work placements.

The University of Stirling offers a range of taught qualifications:

**MSc/MA** Stirling's Master of Science (MSc) and Master of Arts (MA) qualifications are typically undertaken by students who wish to develop an advanced subject knowledge in a particular area, or to change their subject of study following the completion of a Bachelor's degree. Generally, these qualifications are taught through seminars, lectures and project work, and are assessed by coursework, exams and a dissertation.

**MRes** A Master of Research (MRes) qualification at Stirling offers advanced research methods and skills training in interdisciplinary and discipline-specific contexts, and is ideal for students keen on pursuing a future in research or doctoral study.

**WE HAVE A RANGE OF POSTGRADUATE DEGREES FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM TO ACHIEVE YOUR CAREER OBJECTIVES AND REALISE YOUR LIFE AMBITIONS**

**MLitt** Stirling's Master of Letters (MLitt) is similar to a taught MA or MSc and is typically in literature, history or law.

**MBA** The Stirling Master of Business Administration (MBA) is an internationally recognised qualification that enables students to develop their skills and knowledge in leadership and management.

**LLM** Our Master of Laws (LLM) is a qualification that enables students to specialise in a niche law subject, such as Environmental Policy or International Energy Law.

**MPP** A Master of Public Policy (MPP) at Stirling is a professional qualification that offers essential training in policy analysis and how to help solve major societal issues.

**MPH** Stirling's Master of Public Health is a multidisciplinary qualification designed to provide graduates with the advanced academic background required for leadership roles in public health.

All taught postgraduate courses are graded at Level 11 of the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF), with research degrees and professional doctorates at Level 12. The difference between Masters degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas and Postgraduate Certificates is the number of credits earned and the time taken to complete them.



# FEES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

WE OFFER A RANGE OF SCHOLARSHIP OPTIONS TO SUPPORT YOUR CAREER CHOICE



## Loans

If you're in need of funding to support the cost of your tuition fees, we are able to connect you with a range of generous loan schemes.

### Scottish Students

The Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) offers loans to eligible students. In 2020/21, this contribution was up to £10,000 towards tuition fees and living costs.

### English, Welsh and Northern Irish Students

Student Finance England currently offer a loan of up to £11,222 per year as part of the UK Postgraduate Loan Scheme to help English students with the cost of tuition fees and living expenses. Student Finance Wales offer up to £17,489 in grants and loans. Northern Irish postgraduate students may also be eligible for a tuition fee loan of up to £5,500 from Student Finance NI and should consult Student Finance NI for full details.

For more information on postgraduate loans and funding, visit: [stir.ac.uk/1cj](https://stir.ac.uk/1cj)

## Scholarships

The University of Stirling offers a wide range of scholarships to support the diverse academic and extra-curricular interests of students from all backgrounds and nationalities. Some are available exclusively for international students, as well as generous offers for students from the UK or the EU.

For our full range of scholarships available, visit: [stir.ac.uk/scholarships](https://stir.ac.uk/scholarships)

## Tuition fees

Postgraduate course tuition fees cover the cost of registration, supervision of research and study, the use of academic facilities, and all examinations. It's worth noting that some courses may require you to pay an additional fee for laboratory or field-based work.

Please consult individual course web pages for up-to-date fee information. Fees may vary depending on your chosen course of study.

STIRLING IS THE MOST

*affordable*

CITY TO LIVE IN THE UK FOR SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR\*

## Cost of living

In addition to your tuition fees, you'll also need to consider your living costs during the course of your studies. Fortunately, Stirling is the most affordable city to live in the UK\*.

	Monthly	Three Semesters
University Accommodation Rent**	£403 – £780	£4,709 – £7,100
Food	£180	£2,160
Leisure	£120	£1,440
Clothing	£30	£360
Books	£25	£300
Phone	£25	£300
Travel***	£30	£360
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£9,470</b>

\* Bank of Scotland 2019

\*\* Includes utilities, Wi-Fi, bedding and bed linen, insurance, housekeeping assistance, and 24/7 staff assistance.

\*\*\* This does not include any travel home.

# HOW TO APPLY

YOU CAN GET CLOSER TO STUDYING FOR YOUR FUTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING IN JUST FOUR SIMPLE STEPS

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## WHEN TO APPLY

At Stirling, we don't have a formal deadline for postgraduate applications. You can apply up to two years in advance of your course start date and we accept applications throughout the year. Most of our students apply when they're in their final year of undergraduate study.

If you're an international student who requires a Student Route visa, we recommend you apply as soon as possible to get your visa processed in plenty of time.

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## COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

You can apply directly to the University by using our simple online application form: [stir.ac.uk/1cq](https://stir.ac.uk/1cq)

If you're coming to us from overseas, you can also apply via one of our in-country International Representatives (agents). You can find your in-country agent by checking out our country-specific web pages: [stir.ac.uk/1ef](https://stir.ac.uk/1ef)

Once your application is received, you'll get a confirmation email from the University's Admissions Team.

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## RESPONDING TO OUR OFFER

If you receive an offer, congratulations! You'll be sent an invitation to access our Applicant Portal to respond to your offer.

The Applicant Portal is used to upload documentation, apply for University accommodation and select fee payment options. It's also a good way to get in touch with our Graduate Admissions team if you have any questions.

**+44 (0) 1786 466 655**  
**[graduate.admissions@stir.ac.uk](mailto:graduate.admissions@stir.ac.uk)**

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## CHECK YOUR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Before you start working on your application, you should check the entry requirements for your chosen course. For most of our postgraduate degrees, we ask for a minimum of a second-class Honours degree or equivalent, but some courses also require relevant work experience or prior knowledge within a related subject area.

You'll be able to find all of the information you need about current entry requirements on our website: [stir.ac.uk/da](https://stir.ac.uk/da)



## FAST-TRACK APPLICATION

If you are a current undergraduate student at the University of Stirling, you will be eligible for our fast-track application to postgraduate study.

As we already hold your details and academic history, the process couldn't be easier. Provided you meet the minimum requirements for your chosen course, we will be able to guarantee you an offer. If you choose to apply before your final results are confirmed, please note this offer will be conditional.

To apply, simply log in to the Portal, select your course and proceed with your application.



# TRADE SECRETS

Professor David McMillan's research focuses on modelling asset returns and linkages between asset prices and the wider economy, with relevance to macroeconomic policy.



PROFESSOR DAVID MCMILLAN *Professor of Finance*

## What are the benefits of studying a finance-related Masters degree at Stirling?

At Stirling, we encourage students to reflect on the benefits of a more ethical approach to banking and finance. We ensure that students are aware of the importance of sustainability in financial decision-making, and in particular how social and environmental risk factors affect financial performance.

Industry engagement and future employability is central to our teaching. We have a vibrant guest lecture series that provides our students with access to professionals from industry on a regular basis, and our highly skilled academics incorporate the most recent advances in academic research into their teaching. Students at Stirling also benefit from a focus on practical, real-world learning.

## What is the Amplify Trading Boot Camp?

This is an award-winning initiative that is an integral part of all of our finance-related degrees. It enables students to trade in a simulated environment across a range of futures contracts quoted on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME). It is delivered over one week by Amplify Trading, a London-based proprietary trading firm.

## What is the CFA Institute Research Challenge?

The Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute Research Challenge is considered to be the 'investment Olympics' for students and requires participants to assume the role of an Investment Analyst to produce a detailed equity research report on a publicly traded company, with a buy, hold or sell recommendation.

The record of MSc Investment Analysis students in reaching the UK Final in 10 out of 12 years is unrivalled among UK Affiliation Partner universities.

## Several courses within the Stirling Management School are 'accredited'. What does this mean?

Accreditation with a professional body signals to employers the relevance of course content for the world of work. Our status as a University Affiliated Partner (UAP) of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute means that we are required to cover at least 70 percent of the CFA curriculum on the MSc Investment Analysis.

Our accreditation from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) gives graduates of the MSc International Accounting and Finance automatic exemption from four ACCA papers, and exemptions from two further papers if particular spring semester options are studied.

Courses accredited by the Chartered Banker Institute offer graduates of the MSc Banking and Finance credit against the Chartered Banker qualification and the opportunity to apply for Associate membership of the Institute.

## What would be your advice to prospective postgraduate students?

I would advise students to thoroughly research courses to check their content, structure and assessment methods. Postgraduate study requires greater self-direction and resilience than undergraduate study, so think about how courses match your approach to learning.

Look at job adverts to find out the qualifications required for your intended career and choose an accredited course if achievement of a professional qualification is expected. Check out the jobs occupied by course alumni using social media such as LinkedIn. Finding that former students occupy senior roles is a good sign and means your degree will be recognised.

Networking is an important element of career development, so do your homework and choose a course that will give you the widest possible access to professionals in your chosen field.

# SWITCH ON TO MEDIA

A specialist in the field of Media and Communications, Katherine's work aims to extend and deepen knowledge of how 'space' and 'place' matter to the creative and cultural industries sector.



**DR KATHERINE CHAMPION**  
*Lecturer in Media and Communications*

## **It's an interesting time to be studying Media and Communications. How does Stirling shape its teaching to reflect this?**

The Media and Communications industry has faced major transformations in the recent years, with the emergence of new devices and platforms for media content. At Stirling, we equip our students with the vital skills and industry knowledge needed to be successful in this dynamic and fast-paced sector.

We place a strong emphasis on personal and professional development to enhance collaborative and team management skills, proficiency in industry analysis, and high level communications competences. Outside of the classroom, we encourage students to engage in a variety of fieldtrips, industry events and conferences, all of which contribute to a rich Masters experience.

## **How would a Masters in media and communications benefit prospective students?**

Undertaking a postgraduate qualification offers students a great opportunity to study a chosen subject in more depth and enhance their career prospects. Our taught media-related courses at Stirling present an opportunity to improve knowledge and understanding of a wide range of media industry sectors, as well as to develop skills and networks that promote future employability often working with real-world industry briefs and clients and carrying out business simulation activities.

## **Why do guest speakers often deliver lectures at Stirling?**

In line with our focus on real-world teaching, a key highlight of our curriculum is the guest lecture series and industry expert contributions woven throughout our teaching. Thanks to our established professional and research networks, we regularly invite industry practitioners and policymakers to deliver the latest learnings and trends to our students.

We have regular contributions from Senior Media professionals including: from broadcasters such as the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Channel 4, MTV, independent production companies; public relations agencies; media regulators and policymakers; newspaper editors; and many more.

## **A number of Stirling's media courses are delivered with international partner universities. How does this benefit students?**

The Communications, Media and Culture division at Stirling prides itself on its international outlook. As part of this commitment, we have partnered with a number of overseas institutions, including Vietnam and Spain, to allow students to benefit from a high-quality UK education, while studying abroad in a country of their choice. This also helps international students to arrange their studies around any existing commitments they may have in their home country, and still undertake a University of Stirling qualification.



# SKILL SHARE

Dr Kevin Swingler is Head of the Division of Computing Science and Mathematics and was responsible for developing the MSc courses in Big Data, Fintech and Artificial Intelligence.



DR KEVIN SWINGLER  
*Head of Division, Computing Science and Mathematics*

## **What are the key differences between big data, artificial intelligence and financial technology?**

We take a data-driven approach to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Financial Technology (Fintech), so these courses share material such as Python scripting and machine learning. Big Data is more focused on technology - such as databases, scripting, machine learning and cluster computing - than Fintech, which has a focus on finance, banking and entrepreneurship. The computing part of the Fintech course is about cybersecurity, mobile apps and blockchain. Artificial intelligence does not cover technology such as databases, but has a focus on giving computers human like abilities, like seeing and understanding language.

## **There are five data science Masters courses at Stirling: Big Data; Data Science for Business; Mathematics for Data Science; Artificial Intelligence and Fintech - but I'm not sure which is for me?**

Fintech is the odd one out among these courses because it is geared towards a specific application in banking and finance. The other courses are designed to give you more generic data science skills. Big Data concentrates on technology and skills such as Hadoop, Python, NoSQL and machine learning. Data Science for Business focuses less on the technology and more on the business impact of data science. Mathematics for Data Science is for students who have a love of maths and want an interesting and challenging subject that allows them to put their skills into practice. AI offers more advanced machine learning topics such as convolutional neural networks.

## **The Stirling data science courses were built from scratch by Stirling academics with student employability in mind. How did you create the course content?**

The courses were designed with one thing in mind: to prepare and qualify students for jobs in data science. We consulted with recruitment agencies and companies who hire data scientists and Fintech professionals, such as HSBC and MBN. Our goal was to give students the best CV that we could, which is why we do our best to find work placements for students during their summer project.

## **Stirling works closely with The Data Lab. What is it and what does this mean for me?**

The Data Lab is an internationally leading research and innovation centre in data science. Established with an £11.3 million grant from the Scottish Funding Council, The Data Lab enables industry, public sector and

world-class university researchers to innovate and develop new data science capabilities in a collaborative environment. Its core mission is to generate significant economic, social and scientific value from data. As a student, you'll benefit from a wide range of learning and networking events that connect leading organisations seeking business analytics skills with students looking for exciting opportunities in this field.

## **Do I need previous experience to study a data course? And can I go part-time?**

For Big Data, you will need a numerate degree and some experience of either statistics or computer programming. This can be gained from online courses and relevant work experience is also beneficial.

All of our data science courses can be studied either full-time for one year or part-time for two. Some are available fully online, or will be soon, and some offer a January start.

# MIND OVER MATTER

Paul is a behavioral neuroscientist interested in the brain areas necessary for memory and spatial cognition. His recent book, *Why People Get Lost*, provides an overview of what is known about how people and animals navigate, and what brain regions are critical for this ability.



DR PAUL DUDCHENKO *Head of Division of Psychology*

## **Why do you think the study of psychology has become so important in recent years?**

When we think about the challenges we face today – public health, the environment, and societal cohesion – the solutions lie in changing human behavior. It is true, of course, the technology can and does help us. However, many solutions require us to make different choices. This is psychology. This field also seeks to understand the minds of other animals, in particular how evolutionary pressure shape cognitive development.

## **Several courses within the psychology division at Stirling are accredited by The British Psychological Society. What does this mean and how does it benefit students?**

Our Psychology Programmes are accredited by The British Psychological Society, the main professional body for psychologists in the U.K. This accreditation ensures that you will receive a high-quality, research-based education, and that you will be equipped to pursue further professional study (e.g., a Ph.D.) in the field should you so desire.

## **What are the benefits of studying a psychology degree at Stirling?**

At Stirling, you will conduct a research project which is guided by staff members who are active researchers. We have dedicated facilities for studying child development, health psychology, perception and brain activity. You will also have the opportunity to develop your skills in data analysis.

## **Stirling has its own Psychology Kindergarten on site. How does this help Masters students in their study?**

One of the unique features of Stirling is its on-site Kindergarten. This facility, within the Psychology Division, allows Master's students interested in cognitive development to work with children directly.

## **What are the main career pathways for psychology graduates?**

Psychology is a broad field and its study will prepare you to think critically about human and animal behavior, conduct research and analyse data. These skills are well suited for careers in health-care, research and counselling settings.



# CHANGING THE GAME

Professor Tess Kay has a long track record in policy-related sport education and research, and has worked with agencies throughout the UK and internationally on the development and delivery of sport.



**PROFESSOR TESS KAY**  
*Head of Sport and Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport*

## **What are the key challenges facing the sports sector and how does Stirling equip its students to tackle these?**

The sport sector is fast-moving and diverse and the challenges reflect that. At one end of the spectrum commercial sport has global reach, at the other individuals need opportunities to be active in their own time and space. In between sport is delivered by a plethora of organisations, from national agencies to local community clubs. All of these need sport professionals who can operate to the highest standards and that is what Stirling's portfolio of postgraduate programmes equips students to do. Whether working with elite performers, encouraging people to be active for health benefits, or ensuring the success of sports businesses, our programmes combine the highest quality academic content with strong applied elements.

## **Stirling is Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence and recently won Sports University of the Year. How do these accolades benefit postgraduate students?**

Students benefit from our commitment to quality and relevance in our provision: our MSc Sport Management is ranked in the top 10 in Europe, our MSc Psychology of Sport is the only one in Scotland that is BPS accredited, and our MSc Sport Nutrition is formally aligned with the work of the International Olympic Committee, the most high-profile sports organisation world-wide. Our MSc in Sport Performance Coaching is an industry-leader, specifically designed to support the professional development of practising sport coaches through a unique and innovative online format.

## **The University shares its campus with a number of National Governing Bodies for sport. How closely do students work with industry?**

Collaboration with industry and the sport sector is fundamental to all of Stirling's postgraduate sport courses. We use our excellent networks to give students direct contact with experienced sport practitioners, managers and policy makers, ensuring they are at the forefront of pivotal, industry-changing decisions and are taught by the academics who are shaping them.

As Stirling is home to several national governing bodies (NGBs) for sport, students are afforded the opportunity to undertake work placements and conduct dissertation projects with our on-site partners.

## **How does the faculty prepare its students for life after study?**

We are committed to the employability of our graduates and aim to equip our postgraduate students to progress to the highest level in their chosen specialism. We offer all of our degrees part-time, to be accessible to students already working in sport as well as those wishing to progress. Every programme has strong, academically robust applied components, which allows our students to take learnings straight from the lecture theatre into a real-world setting.



# POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

**AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING, OUR RESEARCHERS ARE TRULY MAKING A DIFFERENCE. WE'RE LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST TOBACCO-RELATED HARM, WORKING TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA AND FEEDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE RESEARCH**

In 2019, our world-renowned Institute of Aquaculture's pioneering work was recognised with the UK's most prestigious academic honour – the Queen's Anniversary Prize – and University of Stirling academics have been appointed by the Scottish Government to lead on 10 major projects investigating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Why Stirling?

Our aim is simple. We want our research to change lives and tackle the global issues of our time. So we provide the best conditions for our thriving community of 3,800 UK and international postgraduate students studying with us.

Collaboration is at the core of our approach – not just working across disciplines but also with business, other universities, the public sector and government.

Staff in our five academic faculties are the starting point and driving force behind the research taking place at the University. We have an outstanding record of conducting

world-leading and internationally excellent research. Staff collaborate across divisions and with external partners to produce research that sparks new conversations, informs government policies and impacts lives for the better.

## Institute for Advanced Studies

As a postgraduate researcher at Stirling, you will benefit from access to our Institute for Advanced Studies. The Institute offers a wide range of activities across the University, from support for postgraduates setting out on their research career, to opportunities to make new international connections and extend the reach and impact of your work.

Work is also underway on our £21.7 million Campus Central project – a major infrastructure investment which saw the opening of our brand-new Study Zone in early 2020. The Study Zone is a dedicated learning and research collaboration space designed to encourage knowledge exchange and help you to develop your research passion.



**MRes**

We offer a range of Master of Research (MRes) courses in areas such as education, applied social research, publishing studies and health. MRes courses can provide students with a solid grounding in advanced research methods – including disciplinary-specific methods, and quantitative and qualitative methods – as well as an understanding of the challenges and opportunities around interdisciplinary research. An MRes qualification is ideal preparation for those interested in continuing to doctoral study.

**MPhil**

Stirling's Master of Philosophy (MPhil) is an advanced research degree that is typically shorter than a PhD qualification, but is completed to the same academic quality. It comprises a major independent research project and provides a significant grounding in research methods that will equip students to enter a career within a professional field, or to continue on to complete a PhD.

**PhD**

A Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is an advanced postgraduate qualification comprising three or more years of independent research on a subject-specific question. It is carried out with the support of an academic adviser and culminates in the completion of a thesis that offers a significant contribution to the academic field. It is the highest academic degree a student can achieve.

**Professional Doctorates**

Professional Doctorate qualifications integrate professional and academic knowledge. We have a range of subject areas, including:

- Doctor of Applied Social Research (DASR)
- Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)
- Clinical Doctorates: Doctor of Nursing, Doctor of Midwifery or Doctor of Professional Health Studies (NursD/MidD/DPHS)
- Doctor of Education (EdD)
- Doctor of Diplomacy (DDipl)
- Doctorate in Health Psychology (DPsych)
- Doctorate in Big Data Science

Professional Doctorate qualifications are designed for professionals who want to focus on a particular area in their field and make a contribution to theory and practice through further study. Courses typically comprise a taught element in the first year, followed by a significant period of independent research.

Professional Doctorates often take students three to four years to complete full-time, or six to eight years part-time.

These courses are generally delivered on a part-time basis to better suit working professionals, but in some cases, full-time courses may be available.

**To find out which type of research degree suits you and your career ambitions, visit: [stir.ac.uk/researchdegrees](http://stir.ac.uk/researchdegrees)**

# TYPES OF RESEARCH DEGREE

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# PhD OPPORTUNITIES

As a postgraduate researcher at the University of Stirling, you'll be part of a vibrant and supportive research community that has a reputation for turning insight into impact. Explore the subject areas opposite to see the wide range of disciplines you can conduct your research in.

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**Accounting and Finance**

**Advanced Management**

**Education**

**Aquaculture**

**Biological and  
Environmental Sciences**

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Mathematics**

**Dementia and Ageing**

**Economics**

**Education**

**Health Sciences**

**History and Politics**

**Housing**

**Law and Philosophy**

**Literature and Languages**

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and Organisation**

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**Psychology**

**Social Work**

**Sociology, Social Policy  
and Criminology**

**Sport**



# HOW TO APPLY

**IF YOU'VE GOT THE DRIVE AND THE POTENTIAL TO JOIN OUR GROUND-BREAKING RESEARCH COMMUNITY, HERE'S HOW YOU CAN APPLY FOR A RESEARCH DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING**

To help your application process, our general entry requirements for our research degree programmes are:

- An upper second-class honours Bachelors degree or higher qualification. For some studentships and programmes of study a suitable Masters degree may be specified
- If your first language is not English you're required to show English language competency equivalent to the minimum level of IELTS 6.5 (6.0 in all bands). Some subjects require a higher level of English language competency.

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## DEVELOP YOUR RESEARCH PROPOSAL

A research proposal should include a background, rationale and context as to why you want to undertake your research, as well as detailing clear aims and objectives. The proposal should also include more detail about your expertise, methodology and how you will approach your study.

For guidance on how to write a research proposal, visit: [stir.ac.uk/XXX](http://stir.ac.uk/XXX) (url TBC)

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## CHOOSE A SUBJECT AREA

Once you're confident you have a good core idea for the research you'd like to carry out, you should identify the subject area your research will fall under.

We recommend that you try to identify a supervisor who you would like to guide and mentor you during your studies by using our Find a Supervisor tool. You can still apply without naming a supervisor, but making initial contact can be a helpful way to ensure your application is as strong as possible.

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## APPLY ONLINE

You can apply for a research degree at Stirling by using our online application form. Just select the relevant subject area and click the apply link. The application form will ask you for a range of information and documentation, including your research proposal, how you plan to fund your studies, proof of qualifications, an academic reference and a CV.

## WHEN TO APPLY

You can apply up to one year before you want to start your research degree. We can accept completed applications up to just before the start of semester, but we advise early application – particularly from overseas applicants to allow sufficient time for our decision and to arrange visas and travel to Scotland.

There are no deadlines as we consider applications throughout the year.

You can start your research programme (PhD/MPhil) in any month, but the majority chose to start their programmes in October, February or April.

We recommend that international candidates who require a Student Route visa to study in the UK should apply at least 8 weeks in advance of your course start date.

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## JACKIE KAY MBE

**Poet and novelist,  
current Scots Makar**  
BA English Studies, 1983  
Honorary Doctorate, 2000

Poet and novelist, Jackie, writes extensively for stage, screen, and for children. Her first book of poetry, *The Adoption Papers*, won the Saltire Society Award for best first book in 1992. In 2011, Jackie won the Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust Book Award (Non-Fiction) for *Red Dust Road* - an account of her search for her natural parents - and in 2016 became the new Scots Makar (Scottish version of the Poet Laureate).



## ALAN BISSETT

**Novelist, playwright  
and screenwriter**  
BA English Studies with Education, 1998  
MLitt English Studies, 2002  
Honorary Doctorate, 2016

Alan graduated from the University of Stirling with a First-class Honours degree in English literature and Education, and a Masters degree in English. In 2012, Alan was named Glenfiddich Spirit of Scotland Writer of the Year and in 2013 was shortlisted for the Creative Scotland and Daily Record Literature Award, the same year his play *Ban This Filth!* was shortlisted for an Amnesty International Freedom of Expression Award. His short film, *The Shutdown* (2009) also won numerous awards at international and domestic film festivals.

## PETER PRITCHARD

**CEO of Retail, Pets at Home Group**  
MBA Retailing, 1998

Peter is a highly experienced retailer, with 25 years' experience in leadership roles at some of the UK's most successful businesses. He is currently Chief Executive Officer of Retail at Pets at Home, a role he has held since 2015. He joined the business in 2011 as Commercial Director.



## DAME JUDI DENCH

**Actress, artist and author**  
Honorary Doctorate, 2013

One of Britain's best-loved stars of film, theatre and television, Dame Judi Dench was recognised by the University in 2013 for her outstanding contribution to the Arts, and the important role she has played in highlighting dementia. Within acting, her many awards include eleven BAFTAs, two Golden Globes and an Academy Award. Dame Judi also supported the representation of dementia through her Bafta-winning film, *Iris*, and through her campaign to improve the care of older people in our society.



# BE THE DIFFERENCE



## YUANYUAN QIU

**President, Jiangsu Broadcasting Corporation International Company Ltd (JSBCI)**  
MSc Media Management, 2005

Yuanyuan is President of Jiangsu Broadcasting Company's international arm, JSBCI, where she oversees the distribution of original Chinese TV formats globally, in addition to importing international formats for broadcasting in China. She also leads the development of international co-production and broadcasting with companies such as the BBC and Channel 4 in the UK, Arte in France, NHK in Japan, and PBS in the USA.

Yuanyuan, who gained an MSc Media Management from the University in 2005, was shortlisted for the British Council's Professional Achievement Award – an accolade she in no small part attributes to her UK education and University of Stirling experience.



## SIR ANDY MURRAY OBE

**Professional tennis player**  
Honorary Doctorate, 2013

From nearby Dunblane, Andy Murray trained in his youth at the University of Stirling's National Tennis Centre before moving to Spain to develop his game. Andy Murray turned professional in 2005 and broke into the senior top 100 later that year, claiming his first ATP title in 2006. In 2009, he attained the world number two ranking and became the first British winner at Queen's since 1938. In 2012, he secured the Gold Medal at the London Olympics Final and ended Britain's 77-year wait for a Wimbledon singles champion less than a year later. Andy has also been awarded BBC Sports Personality of the Year three times since 2013.



## JOANNE DENNEY-FINCH

**Charity CEO and retailing consultant**  
MBA Retailing, 1991

Joanne is Chief Executive of IGD, a research and training charity that helps the food and grocery industry deliver the needs of the public. She works with chief executives, chairpersons and presidents of some of the world's largest food and consumer goods companies and has been awarded an OBE for services to the food and grocery industry. She completed an MBA in Retailing, with distinction, at Stirling in 1991.



## SAM HEUGHAN

**Actor and charity founder**  
Honorary Doctorate, 2019

Award-winning Scots actor Sam Heughan has appeared in a host of television and film productions and is best-known for his role as Jamie Fraser in hit series Outlander. He has won a number of best actor awards for his performances in Outlander, and received nominations for both a BAFTA and a Critic's Choice Television Award.

Mr Heughan is an ardent supporter of the blood cancer charity, Bloodwise, and has established his own charitable foundation, My Peak Challenge.

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### Preparation courses – English language

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### Student accommodation

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### Student support

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### Student visas and immigration

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## By car to Stirling

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Newcastle: 3hrs

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## Getting around the city

It's easy to get from Stirling to the campus – you can walk, cycle or take the bus.

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## Travelling by bus

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## Travelling further

Scotland's two main international airports are less than an hour away by car. You can reach either airport by public transport, too.

There's also a direct transfer service provided by Stirling Direct, the University's airport pick-up service.

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